

Solicitor

Specified Calling Level 3/4

Family Law

Job Description

A Solicitor at this level should demonstrate advanced experience in legal practice. At this level the Solicitor is required to provide complex legal advice; minor assistance; duty lawyer services; and/or representation on complex legal matters. A Solicitor at this level will also be developing people management skills and may be involved in supervision of paralegals, graduates and junior legal staff.

About Legal Aid Western Australia

Legal Aid Western Australia provides information and resources to assist the community with their legal concerns, and offers a range of services aimed at target groups or individuals with particular legal problems. Through our regional offices and main office in Perth, and working in partnership with private practitioners and other service providers, we are committed to providing equitable access to services, regardless of regional and time constraints.

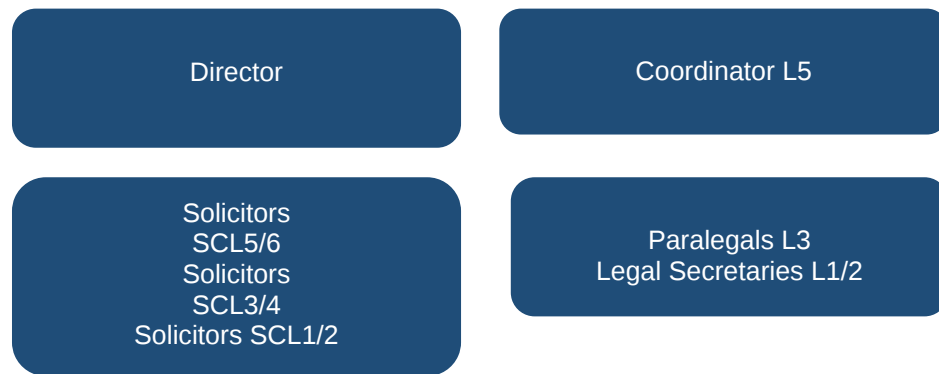
Assistance is designed to help people resolve their problems at the earliest opportunity, to improve their access to the law, to avoid unnecessary litigation, and to ensure that legal representation is in keeping with community expectations of fairness.

Our Values

- Customer focus • Communication • Value and respect for staff • Accountability • Quality
- A vibrant and supportive culture • Value for money • Innovation and change • Integrity
- Social responsibility and social values

Reporting Relationships

Family Law Division



Scope of Duties

- Provision of activities such as Casework; Duty Lawyer Services; Community Legal Education; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Community Development; Legal Advice and Minor Assistance at an advanced level.
- Willingness to be trained and develop skills in Independent Children's Lawyer (ICL) and Child Representative.
- General administrative/management component including supervision of paralegals, law graduates and junior practitioners and delivery of legal training.
- Provision of advice on matters of factual and/or legal difficulty.
- Significant liaison and negotiation on matters of complexity.
- Provision of consistent legal and administrative decisions and problem solving at an advanced level, advocacy on superior court matters; and complex minor assistance matters.
- Drafts legal advices, opinions and documents of moderate complexity.
- Generally works unsupervised on day to day activities.
- Works cooperatively in a team environment with minimal supervision and contributes to team goals.

Selection Criteria

Only the criteria in bold must be addressed in applicant's written application and resume. These and the remaining selection criteria will be assessed through interview or alternative selection methods.

ESSENTIAL

- **Considerable post admission experience.** (High Priority)
- **Ability to conduct litigation.** (High Priority)
- Advocacy Experience. (High Priority)

ESSENTIAL REQUIRED CORE COMPETENCIES

These are essential criteria for all appointment to Legal Aid WA positions. Refer to the Core Competencies Matrix in the Application Guidelines.

- Committed to the principles of social justice.
- **Values people, partnership and teamwork.** (High Priority)
- Willingness to learn and share knowledge with others.
- Outcome and service focused. (High Priority)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in Law or equivalent.
- Admitted, or eligible for admittance as a legal practitioner in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

Remuneration Information

Terms, Conditions and Benefits

- Fixed Term Contracts with possibility of further extension.
- Salary Range: Government Officers Salaries Allowances and Conditions Award 1989 – General Division Specified Calling Level 3 - \$98,686 - \$93,726 gross per annum, Specified Calling Level 4 - \$112,907 - \$121,013 gross per annum
- Benefits: 9.50% employer superannuation contributions paid to GESB. Annual Leave Loading up to a maximum of \$1681.30 per annum.
- Excellent salary packaging scheme. Subject to the requirements of relevant taxation legislation, rulings and determinations, employees of Legal Aid WA are able to salary package a percentage of base salary as a combination of “cash” and benefit items. Non-cash benefit items include: superannuation, lease of motor vehicle for private use, home mortgage payments, home rental payments, school fees, health and life insurance, living expenses and meal entertainment.
- Flexible work arrangements.
- Family friendly work environment, including a dedicated Family Room in the Perth office.
- Brand new office space and access to end of trip facilities and bicycle parking.
- 37.5 hour working week; four weeks Annual Leave per year; 15 days Personal Leave per year (Sick & Carer's); 2 Public Service Holidays per year; options for purchased leave arrangements.
- Fully subsidised annual CPD training and relevant professional memberships. In addition, learning and professional development and study leave opportunities are available.
- Social Club, which operates from the Perth Office.